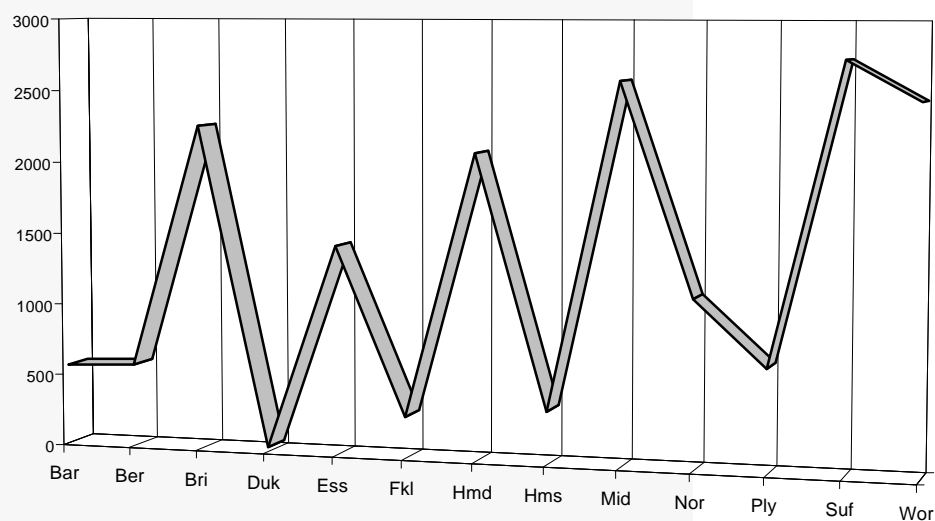


## Court Commitments to Massachusetts County Facilities During 1995



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## **ABSTRACT**

This report provides a statistical description of the 19,033 offenders committed by the courts to Massachusetts county facilities (jails or houses of correction) during 1995. The report presents information on institution committed to, court committed from, month of commitment, offense, sentence length, sentence type, age, sex, race, marital status, education, place of birth and residence.

Some highlights of the statistics presented in this report are:

- ❖ In 1995 there were 19,033 commitments to county facilities. This represents an increase of 10 percent over the 17,329 commitments in 1994.
- ❖ Twenty-one percent were committed for offenses against the person, 2 percent for sex offenses, 23 percent for property offenses, 17 percent for drug offenses, 11 percent for Operating Under the Influence of alcohol (O.U.I.), 14 percent for motor vehicle and 12 percent for other offenses.
- ❖ The most common offenses for which offenders were committed were motor vehicle violations (13 percent), unarmed assault (13 percent), and O.U.I. (11 percent).
- ❖ The median sentence length was six months. Eight percent were committed in lieu of payment of a fine. Two percent were committed for weekend sentences.
- ❖ The median age of offenders committed to county facilities was 30 years.
- ❖ Sixty percent of the commitments were Caucasian, 21 percent were African American, 18 percent were Hispanic, and one percent were other races.
- ❖ The median educational level was 12th grade.
- ❖ Seventy-four percent of the offenders were single, 14 percent were married and 13 percent were separated, divorced or widowed.
- ❖ Sixty-six percent were born in Massachusetts, 19 percent were born in other states, 9 percent were born in U.S. territories, and 6 percent were foreign-born.

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# INTRODUCTION

This report provides a statistical description of offenders committed to Massachusetts county facilities (jails and houses of correction) during 1995. Offenders are described in terms of commitment institution, month of commitment, committing court, offense, sentence length, sentence type (weekend and jail sentences), sex, age, race, marital status, education, place of birth, and residence. Trends in court commitments to the county correctional system over the past decade are also presented.

The statistical tables were derived from information submitted by each county facility to the Research and Planning Division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), and were produced on the DOC's VAX Computer System.

When referring to the statistical tables, the reader should note the following: (1) the left number in each cell represents the number of offenders that fall into the corresponding category in that row of the table; and (2) the right number in each cell (the number contained in parentheses) is the percent distribution of the number of offenders that fall into each category (column percents). In the narrative, percentages reflect only those cases where data were available. Cases with missing data were excluded. For example, on page 10, Month of Commitment is presented and the following types of information can be obtained:

**(1) The specific months are labeled and presented vertically;**

**(2) Of the 19,033 offenders committed during 1995, nine percent (N=1,740) were committed in January.**

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## COUNTY FACILITIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

There are fourteen counties in Massachusetts. All counties except for Nantucket County have at least one county correctional facility administered by the county sheriff.

These facilities usually contain a jail, for pre-trial detainees, and a house of correction, for sentenced inmates. The location and administrators of all facilities are shown in Appendix I. Suffolk County has a separate facility for its jail (Nashua Street) and its house of correction (South Bay). Middlesex County has two facilities, a combined jail and house of correction in Billerica and a jail in Cambridge. Four counties have specialized facilities for sentenced offenders: Essex County has the Correctional Alternative Center (CAC) in Lawrence; Hampden County has the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (WMCAC) facility in Springfield; Bristol County has the Eastern Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (EMCAC); and Norfolk County has the Braintree Alternative Center. Individuals are not committed directly to these four facilities, but can be transferred to them from a house of correction or a state correctional facility.

The population in county correctional facilities for the period January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 is shown in Appendix II. This includes the average daily population (ADP), beginning and ending population, design capacity, and average daily population divided by design capacity, which is an indicator of facility utilization.

## COMMITMENTS TO COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES, 1991 TO 1995

During 1995 there were 19,033 commitments to county facilities. This is a 10 percent (N=1,704) increase from the 17,329 commitments in 1994, and a 30 percent increase from the 14,676 commitments in 1991. The largest increase in commitments during this five year span occurred between 1994 and 1995. Commitments to county facilities for the last five years are shown in Figure 1.

**Figure 1. County Commitments, 1991 to 1995**

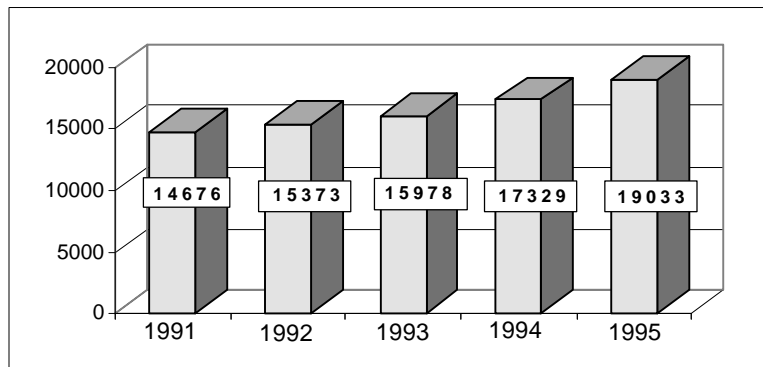
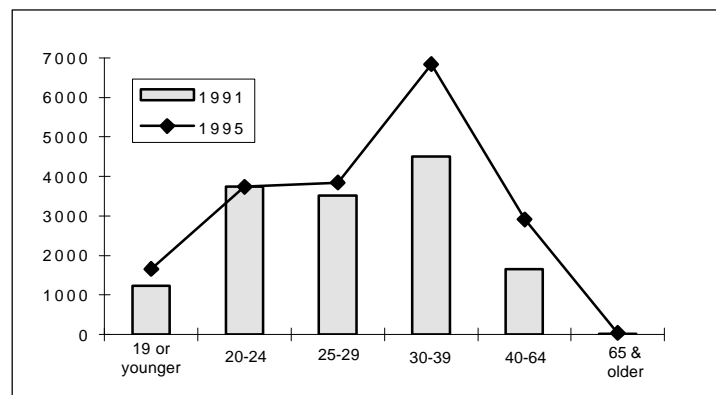
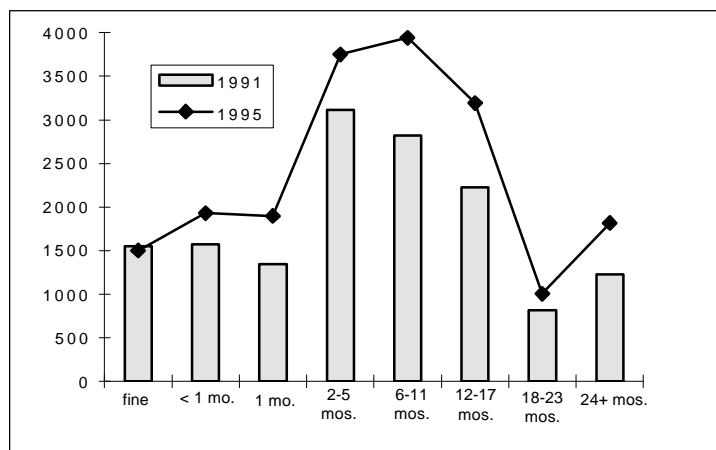


Table 1 shows selected characteristics of county commitments during the five year period 1991 to 1995. During this period, the number of commitments increased by 30 percent, or 4,357, from 14,676 in 1991 to 19,033 in 1995. The largest increases in commitments by county from 1991

to 1995 occurred in Suffolk (114%), Bristol (55%), and Barnstable (51%). Two counties experienced decreases in commitments over the period: Essex (-15%), and Hampshire (-1%).

The offenses for which individuals were committed changed over the last five years. Between 1991 and 1995, increases occurred for all offense categories except OUI, which showed a decrease of 15 percent (N=371). During the 1991 to 1995 period, commitments for person offenses increased by 104 percent (N=2,013); commitments for drug offenses increased 62 percent (N=1,272); commitments for other offenses increased by 36 percent (N=625); commitments for sex offenses increased by 32 percent (N=86); commitments for motor vehicle offenses increased by 18 percent (N=409); and commitments for property offenses increased by 8 percent (N=323).

**Figure 2.**  
Sentence Length of  
County Commitments,  
1991 and 1995



**Figure 3.**  
Age Distribution of  
County Commitments,  
1991 and 1995

Figure 2 shows that sentence lengths have increased over the past five years. In 1991, 30 percent of commitments received a sentence of one month or

less (including fines); and in 1995, 28 percent of commitments had a sentence of one month or less. In 1991, 48 percent of commitments received a sentence of six months or more; and in 1995, 52 percent of commitments received a sentence of six months or more.

Figure 3 reveals that the age of offenders at commitment also increased over the last five years. In 1991, 34 percent of the commitments were 24 years or younger, and 66 percent were 25 years or older. In 1995, 28 percent of the commitments were 24 years or younger, and 72 percent were 25 years or older.

The period 1991 to 1995 shows a large increase in the number of female county commitments from 289 in 1991 to 859 in 1995; an increase of 570 fe-

males or 197%. County commitments for males increased by 3,787 offenders or 26% during the same period. At the beginning of the period, females comprised 2 percent of the total commitments; in 1995, they comprised 5% of the commitments.

**Table 1.**

**Selected Characteristics of  
Offenders Committed to County  
Correctional Facilities,  
1991 to 1995**

| <b>County Facility<br/>Committed to</b> | <b>1991</b>  |            | <b>1992</b>  |            | <b>1993</b>  |            | <b>1994</b>  |            | <b>1995</b>  |            |
|---|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   |
| Barnstable                              | 439          | 3          | 471          | 3          | 488          | 3          | 557          | 3          | 665          | 3          |
| Berkshire                               | 533          | 4          | 490          | 3          | 581          | 3          | 574          | 3          | 637          | 3          |
| Bristol                                 | 1486         | 10         | 1772         | 11         | 1794         | 11         | 2264         | 13         | 2309         | 12         |
| Dukes                                   | 39           | 0          | 36           | 0          | 35           | 0          | 33           | 0          | 50           | 0          |
| Essex                                   | 1741         | 12         | 1530         | 10         | 1429         | 10         | 1450         | 8          | 1472         | 8          |
| Franklin                                | 266          | 2          | 252          | 2          | 261          | 2          | 289          | 2          | 303          | 2          |
| Hampden                                 | 1772         | 12         | 2001         | 13         | 1931         | 13         | 2104         | 12         | 2409         | 13         |
| Hampshire                               | 406          | 3          | 394          | 3          | 392          | 3          | 365          | 2          | 401          | 2          |
| Middlesex                               | 2556         | 17         | 2553         | 17         | 2501         | 17         | 2599         | 15         | 2847         | 15         |
| Norfolk                                 | 1136         | 8          | 978          | 6          | 1060         | 6          | 1158         | 7          | 1251         | 7          |
| Plymouth                                | 710          | 5          | 780          | 5          | 789          | 5          | 711          | 4          | 806          | 4          |
| Suffolk                                 | 1435         | 10         | 2008         | 13         | 2462         | 13         | 2747         | 16         | 3070         | 16         |
| Worcester                               | 2157         | 15         | 2108         | 14         | 2255         | 14         | 2478         | 14         | 2813         | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>14676</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15373</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15978</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17329</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19033</b> | <b>100</b> |

| <b>Present Offense:<br/>General Categories</b> | <b>1991</b>  |            | <b>1992</b>  |            | <b>1993</b>  |            | <b>1994</b>  |            | <b>1995</b>  |            |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|  | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   |
| Person   | 1944         | 13         | 2432         | 16         | 2962         | 18         | 3351         | 19         | 3957         | 21         |
| Property                                       | 4019         | 27         | 3965         | 26         | 3851         | 24         | 4175         | 24         | 4342         | 23         |
| Sex  | 269          | 2          | 293          | 2          | 285          | 2          | 304          | 2          | 355          | 2          |
| Drug   | 2043         | 14         | 2339         | 15         | 2434         | 15         | 2907         | 17         | 3315         | 17         |
| O.U.I.   | 2436         | 17         | 2076         | 13         | 1980         | 12         | 1887         | 11         | 2065         | 11         |
| Motor Vehicle                                  | 2212         | 15         | 2172         | 14         | 2284         | 14         | 2413         | 14         | 2621         | 14         |
| Other  | 1753         | 12         | 2096         | 14         | 2182         | 14         | 2292         | 13         | 2378         | 12         |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>14676</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15373</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15978</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17329</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19033</b> | <b>100</b> |

| <b>Sentence Length</b> | <b>1991</b>  |            | <b>1992</b>  |            | <b>1993</b>  |            | <b>1994</b>  |            | <b>1995</b>  |            |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                        | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   |
| Fine                   | 1554         | 11         | 1572         | 10         | 1475         | 9          | 1348         | 8          | 1501         | 8          |
| Less than 1 month      | 1576         | 11         | 1489         | 10         | 1614         | 10         | 1813         | 10         | 1929         | 10         |
| 1 month                | 1346         | 9          | 1581         | 10         | 1567         | 10         | 1831         | 11         | 1899         | 10         |
| 2 to 5 Months          | 3112         | 21         | 3158         | 20         | 3243         | 20         | 3591         | 21         | 3750         | 20         |
| 6 to 11 Months         | 2818         | 19         | 3139         | 20         | 3308         | 21         | 3784         | 22         | 3941         | 21         |
| 12 to 17 Months        | 2225         | 15         | 2321         | 15         | 2622         | 16         | 2770         | 16         | 3192         | 17         |
| 18 to 23 Months        | 818          | 6          | 825          | 5          | 808          | 5          | 854          | 5          | 1006         | 5          |
| 24 Months or More      | 1227         | 8          | 1288         | 8          | 1341         | 8          | 1338         | 8          | 1815         | 9          |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>14676</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15373</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15978</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17329</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19033</b> | <b>100</b> |

\* Some percentage totals do not add to 100% due to rounding.

# **Selected Characteristics of Offenders Committed to County Correctional Facilities, 1991 to 1995**

| <b>Age at<br/>Commitment</b> | <b>1991</b>  |            | <b>1992</b>  |            | <b>1993</b>  |            | <b>1994</b>  |            | <b>1995</b>  |            |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|                              | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   |
| 19 or Younger                | 1239         | 8          | 1290         | 8          | 1225         | 8          | 1488         | 9          | 1660         | 9          |
| 20 to 24                     | 3738         | 25         | 3645         | 24         | 3547         | 22         | 3571         | 21         | 3738         | 20         |
| 25 to 29                     | 3521         | 24         | 3606         | 23         | 3657         | 23         | 3793         | 22         | 3842         | 20         |
| 30 to 39                     | 4499         | 31         | 5001         | 33         | 5511         | 34         | 6106         | 35         | 6837         | 36         |
| 40 to 64                     | 1651         | 11         | 1805         | 12         | 2002         | 12         | 2333         | 13         | 2914         | 15         |
| 65 and Older                 | 28           | 0          | 26           | 0          | 36           | 0          | 38           | 0          | 42           | 0          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>14676</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15373</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15978</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17329</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19033</b> | <b>100</b> |

| <b>Sex</b>   | <b>1991</b>  |            | <b>1992</b>  |            | <b>1993</b>  |            | <b>1994</b>  |            | <b>1995</b>  |            |
|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|              | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   | <b>N</b>     | <b>%</b>   |
| Male         | 14387        | 98         | 14762        | 96         | 15436        | 97         | 16582        | 96         | 18174        | 95         |
| Female       | 289          | 2          | 611          | 4          | 542          | 3          | 747          | 4          | 859          | 5          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>14676</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15373</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>15978</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>17329</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>19033</b> | <b>100</b> |

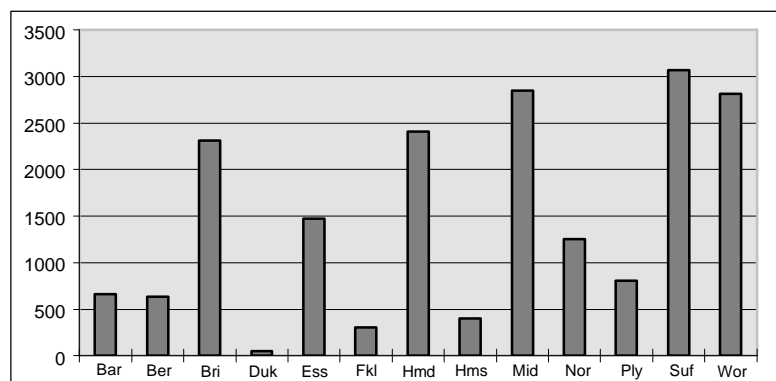
## A DESCRIPTION OF 1995 COMMITMENTS

In this section the 19,033 offenders committed to county facilities during 1995 are described in more detail. Present offense and sentence information are followed by data summarizing the personal background characteristics of the county commitments.

### Present Offense Characteristics

**Committing Institution.** Figure 4 shows the number of commitments ranging from a low of 50 in Dukes County to a high of 3,070 in Suffolk County. Seven of the fourteen counties received more than 1,000 commitments in 1995: Suffolk (N=3,070), Middlesex (N=2,847), Worcester (N=2,813) Hampden (N=2,409),

**Figure 4.**  
**1995 Commitments**  
**by County**



Bristol (N=2,309), Essex (N=1,472), and Norfolk (N=1,251). These seven counties accounted for 85 percent of all county commitments in 1995.

**Committing Court.** Most offenders committed to county facilities are sentenced by the lower courts of the county to which they are committed. Ninety-five percent of the

commitments were from lower courts and 5 percent were from superior courts.

**Present Offense.** Most offenders committed to county facilities were sentenced for non-violent offenses (77 percent); 23 percent were committed for violent offenses (those against the person or sex offenses).

Twenty-one percent of the commitments were for person offenses. Most of these were for unarmed assault (assault or assault and battery) (N=2,457) or armed assault (assault and battery with a dangerous weapon or assault with a dangerous weapon) (N=1,186). There were 23 commitments for vehicular homicide.

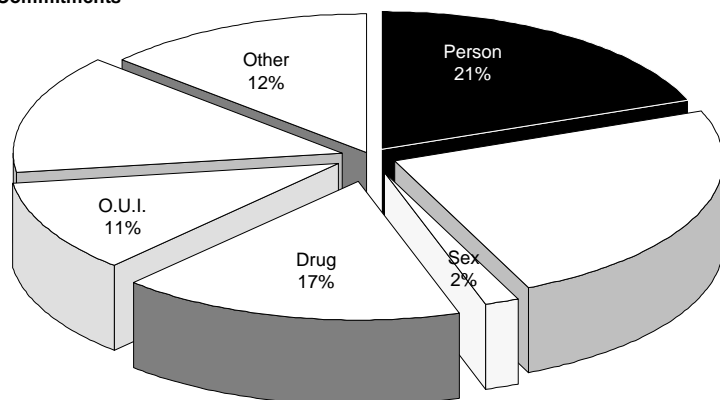
Two percent of the commitments were for sex offenses (N=355) including 45 for rape of an adult or child, 224 for assault with intent to rape (which includes assault with intent to rape of a minor and indecent assault on a mentally retarded person), and 86 for other sex offenses (e.g., unnatural acts, lewdness, indecent exposure and sexual misconduct). Of the 269 commitments for rape and sexual assault, 202 involved minors as victims and 67 involved adult victims.

## 1995 County Commitments

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Twenty-three percent of all commitments were for property offenses. The most common property offenses were: burglary (N=1,317), larceny (N=1,009), receiving stolen goods (N=689), stealing (N=434), property injuries (N=221), and vehicle theft (N=199).

**Figure 5.**  
**Offense Type, 1995 County**  
**Commitments**



Seventeen percent of the commitments were for drug offenses. The

majority (89%) of these drug offenses were for violation of the Controlled Substance Act with Class A, Class B, or Class D substance (N=2,965).

Thirty-seven percent of all commitments were for offenses in the "other" offense category. Most of these commitments were for motor vehicle violations (N=2,621) and O.U.I. (N=2,065).

Other common offenses in this category were for violating a court order or restraining order offenses (N=729), weapons offenses (N=389), and disturbing the peace (N=300).

**Sentence.** The median sentence length for 1995 commitments was six months. In general, offenders sentenced for less than two months will serve their entire sentence, and offenders sentenced for two months or more will be eligible for parole after half of their sentence is served. Eight percent of the commitments (N=1,501) were in lieu of payment of a fine. County sentences range up to two and one-half years, but in a small number of cases, offenders can serve consecutive sentences of two and one half years or less, such that the total length of sentence will be more than two and one half years.

Some sentences are served only on weekends; two percent of all commitments were weekend sentences (N=352).

### **Offender Characteristics**

The offender characteristics of race/ethnicity, marital status, education, place of birth, and residence are based on inmate self-report at time of commitment.

**Age.** The age of offenders ranged from 16 years to 79 years. The median age was 30 years. There were 2,405 offenders (13 percent) 20 years or younger and 42 (less than one percent) age 65 or older.

**Sex.** Of the 19,033 commitments to county facilities, there were 857 females and 18,174 males. Most females that received a county sentence were sent to MCI-Framingham, the state correctional facility for female offenders.

The average 1995 County Commitment was a thirty year old single, caucasian male with a twelfth grade education, who was born and resides in Massachusetts.

**Race/Ethnicity.** The majority of offenders were Caucasian (60 percent). Twenty-one percent were African American and 18 percent were Hispanic. There were 184 individuals (one percent) in other racial groups.

**Marital Status.** Most offenders were single (74 percent). Fourteen percent were married at the time of commitment and 13 percent were separated, divorced or widowed.

**Education.** The median educational level was 12th grade. Seven percent had only a grade school education (first through eighth grade), 39 percent completed some high school and 41 percent were high school graduates with no further formal education. Ten percent had some college education and 2 percent reported having a college degree.

**Place of Birth.** Sixty-six percent of all county commitments were born in Massachusetts, 18 percent were born in other states, 9 percent were born in U.S. territories and 6 percent were foreign-born.

**Residence.** As reported by the counties, all but 517 (97 percent) offenders committed to county facilities were residing in Massachusetts at the time of commitment. In most cases, the offenders were residing in the same county as the facility to which they were committed.

**Table 2.**  
**Month of**  
**Commitment**

|              | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| January      | 1740                        | 9.1%           |
| February     | 1570                        | 8.2%           |
| March        | 1835                        | 9.6%           |
| April        | 1456                        | 7.6%           |
| May          | 1653                        | 8.7%           |
| June         | 1592                        | 8.4%           |
| July         | 1387                        | 7.3%           |
| August       | 1628                        | 8.6%           |
| September    | 1547                        | 8.1%           |
| October      | 1641                        | 8.6%           |
| November     | 1690                        | 8.9%           |
| December     | 1294                        | 6.8%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 3.**  
**Court of**  
**Commitment**

|                 | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Superior Courts | 866                         | 4.5%           |
| Barnstable D.C. | 580                         | 3.0%           |
| Berkshire D.C.  | 639                         | 3.4%           |
| Bristol D.C.    | 2215                        | 11.6%          |
| Dukes D.C.      | 44                          | 0.2%           |
| Essex D.C.      | 1366                        | 7.2%           |
| Franklin D.C.   | 290                         | 1.5%           |
| Hampden D.C.    | 2169                        | 11.4%          |
| Hampshire D.C.  | 507                         | 2.7%           |
| Middlesex D.C.  | 2766                        | 14.5%          |
| Nantucket D.C.  | 9                           | 0.0%           |
| Norfolk D.C.    | 1094                        | 5.7%           |
| Plymouth D.C.   | 815                         | 4.3%           |
| Suffolk D.C.    | 2922                        | 15.4%          |
| Worcester D.C.  | 2751                        | 14.5%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 4.**  
**Present Offense-**  
**General Category**

|              | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Person       | 3957                        | 20.8%          |
| Property     | 4342                        | 22.8%          |
| Sex          | 355                         | 1.9%           |
| Drug         | 3315                        | 17.4%          |
| Other        | 7064                        | 37.1%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 5.**  
**Person Offenses**

|                         | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Manslaughter            | 3                           | 0.0%           |
| Vehicular Homicide      | 23                          | 0.1%           |
| Asslt-Intent            | 11                          | 0.1%           |
| Armed Robbery           | 36                          | 0.2%           |
| Unarmed Robbery         | 34                          | 0.2%           |
| Unarmd Robb Vict. + 65  | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Armed-Asslt. Vict. + 65 | 2                           | 0.0%           |
| Armed Assault           | 1186                        | 6.2%           |
| Unarmed Assault         | 2457                        | 12.9%          |
| Stalking                | 42                          | 0.2%           |
| Mayhem                  | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| A+B DW Vict. + 65       | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Extortion               | 130                         | 0.7%           |
| Kidnapping              | 10                          | 0.1%           |
| Conspiracy              | 16                          | 0.1%           |
| Not Applicable          | 15080                       | 79.2%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 6.**  
**Sex Offenses**

|                        | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Rape                   | 12                          | 0.1%           |
| Assault-Rape           | 54                          | 0.3%           |
| Rape-Minor             | 33                          | 0.2%           |
| Assault-Rape-Minor     | 169                         | 0.9%           |
| Ind. Asslt. Ment. Ret. | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Unnatural Acts         | 13                          | 0.1%           |
| Lewdness               | 54                          | 0.3%           |
| Indecent Exposure      | 8                           | 0.0%           |
| Sexual Misconduct      | 11                          | 0.1%           |
| Not Applicable         | 18678                       | 98.2%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 7.**  
**Property**  
**Offenses**

|                       | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Arson                 | 32                          | 0.2%           |
| Armed Burglary        | 2                           | 0.0%           |
| Burglary              | 1317                        | 6.9%           |
| Burglary Tools        | 60                          | 0.3%           |
| Stealing              | 434                         | 2.3%           |
| Larceny-Person        | 178                         | 0.9%           |
| Larceny               | 1009                        | 5.3%           |
| Vehicle Theft         | 199                         | 1.0%           |
| Use W.O. Authority    | 63                          | 0.3%           |
| Larceny Vict. Over 65 | 2                           | 0.0%           |
| Forgery-Uttering      | 114                         | 0.6%           |
| Fraud                 | 22                          | 0.1%           |
| Stolen Goods          | 689                         | 3.6%           |
| Property Injuries     | 221                         | 1.2%           |
| Not Applicable        | 14691                       | 77.2%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 8.**  
**Drug Offenses**

|                          | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Being Near Narcotics     | 19                          | 0.1%           |
| Stealing Narcotics       | 2                           | 0.0%           |
| Possession-Syringe       | 98                          | 0.5%           |
| Sale of Narcotic         | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Intent to Sell           | 44                          | 0.2%           |
| OUI-Narcotics            | 7                           | 0.0%           |
| Conspiracy               | 25                          | 0.1%           |
| Controlled Substance     | 105                         | 0.6%           |
| Class-A                  | 1840                        | 9.6%           |
| Class-B                  | 874                         | 4.6%           |
| Class-C                  | 19                          | 0.1%           |
| Class-D                  | 251                         | 1.3%           |
| Class-E                  | 4                           | 0.0%           |
| Utter False Prescription | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Poss. WI School Zone     | 25                          | 0.1%           |
| Not Applicable           | 15718                       | 82.6%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 9.**  
**Other Offenses**

|                        | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Escape                 | 41                          | 0.2%           |
| Weapons Offenses       | 389                         | 2.0%           |
| Nonsupport             | 67                          | 0.4%           |
| Disturbing Peace       | 300                         | 1.6%           |
| Prostitution           | 111                         | 0.6%           |
| Gaming                 | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Motor Vehicle          | 2621                        | 13.8%          |
| Contempt               | 108                         | 0.6%           |
| Viol. Court Order      | 729                         | 3.8%           |
| Public Drinking        | 8                           | 0.0%           |
| O.U.I.                 | 2065                        | 10.8%          |
| Minor Poss. Alcohol    | 18                          | 0.1%           |
| Unlawful Poss. Alcohol | 9                           | 0.0%           |
| Att. to Com. Crime     | 25                          | 0.1%           |
| Trespassing            | 149                         | 0.8%           |
| False Alarm            | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Environmental          | 3                           | 0.0%           |
| Cruelty to Animals     | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Other                  | 418                         | 2.2%           |
| Not Applicable         | 11969                       | 62.9%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 10.**  
**Sentence Length**

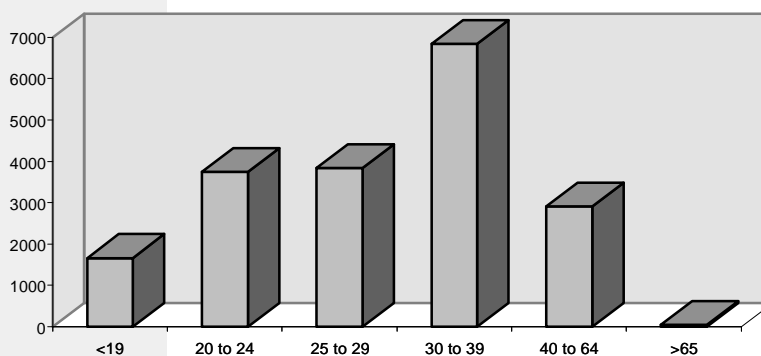
|                   | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Fine              | 1501                        | 7.9%           |
| Less Than 1 Month | 1929                        | 10.1%          |
| 1 Month           | 1899                        | 10.0%          |
| 2 Months          | 1071                        | 5.6%           |
| 3 Months          | 1940                        | 10.2%          |
| 4 Months          | 406                         | 2.1%           |
| 5 Months          | 333                         | 1.7%           |
| 6 Months          | 3008                        | 15.8%          |
| 7 Months          | 40                          | 0.2%           |
| 8 Months          | 127                         | 0.7%           |
| 9 to 11 Months    | 766                         | 4.0%           |
| 12 Months         | 2901                        | 15.2%          |
| 13 to 17 Months   | 291                         | 1.5%           |
| 18 Months         | 879                         | 4.6%           |
| 19 to 23 Months   | 127                         | 0.7%           |
| 24 Months         | 1230                        | 6.5%           |
| 25 Months or More | 585                         | 3.1%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 11.**  
**Weekend Sentences**

|                   | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Weekend Sentence  | 352                         | 1.8%           |
| Non-Weekend Sent. | 18681                       | 98.2%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 12.**  
**Age at  
Commitment**

|              | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Sixteen      | 1                           | 0.0%           |
| Seventeen    | 254                         | 1.3%           |
| Eighteen     | 656                         | 3.4%           |
| Nineteen     | 749                         | 3.9%           |
| Twenty       | 745                         | 3.9%           |
| Twenty-One   | 730                         | 3.8%           |
| Twenty-Two   | 732                         | 3.8%           |
| Twenty-Three | 746                         | 3.9%           |
| Twenty-Four  | 785                         | 4.1%           |
| Twenty-Five  | 788                         | 4.1%           |
| 26 to 29     | 3054                        | 16.0%          |
| 30 to 39     | 6837                        | 35.9%          |
| 40 to 64     | 2914                        | 15.3%          |
| 65 and Older | 42                          | 0.2%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

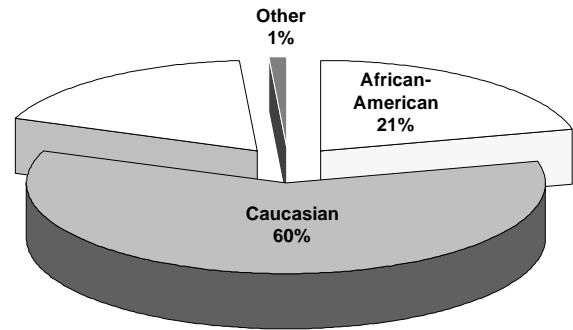


**Table 13.**  
**Sex/Gender**

|              | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Female       | 859                         | 4.5%           |
| Male         | 18174                       | 95.5%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 14.**  
**Race/Ethnicity**

|                  | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| African American | 4053                        | 21.3%          |
| Caucasian        | 11350                       | 59.6%          |
| Hispanic         | 3446                        | 18.1%          |
| Other            | 184                         | 1.0%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |



**Table 15.**  
**Marital Status**

|              | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Single       | 10157                       | 53.4%          |
| Married      | 1868                        | 9.8%           |
| Divorced     | 1328                        | 7.0%           |
| Separated    | 429                         | 2.3%           |
| Widowed      | 34                          | 0.2%           |
| Unknown      | 5217                        | 27.4%          |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 16.**  
**Last Grade  
Completed**

|                  | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| First or Less    | 26                          | 0.1%           |
| Second           | 17                          | 0.1%           |
| Third            | 32                          | 0.2%           |
| Fourth           | 61                          | 0.3%           |
| Fifth            | 56                          | 0.3%           |
| Sixth            | 150                         | 0.8%           |
| Seventh          | 275                         | 1.4%           |
| Eighth           | 716                         | 3.8%           |
| Ninth            | 1635                        | 8.6%           |
| Tenth            | 2584                        | 13.6%          |
| Eleventh         | 2853                        | 15.0%          |
| Twelfth          | 7488                        | 39.3%          |
| Some College     | 1752                        | 9.2%           |
| College Graduate | 341                         | 1.8%           |
| Graduate School  | 109                         | 0.6%           |
| Unknown          | 938                         | 4.9%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 17.**  
**Place of Birth**

|                   | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Barnstable County | 180                         | 0.9%           |
| Berkshire County  | 372                         | 2.0%           |
| Bristol County    | 1301                        | 6.8%           |
| Dukes County      | 3                           | 0.0%           |
| Essex County      | 845                         | 4.4%           |
| Franklin County   | 95                          | 0.5%           |
| Hampden County    | 310                         | 1.6%           |
| Hampshire County  | 26                          | 0.1%           |
| Middlesex County  | 1645                        | 8.6%           |
| Nantucket County  | 3                           | 0.0%           |
| Norfolk County    | 663                         | 3.5%           |
| Plymouth County   | 403                         | 2.1%           |
| Suffolk County    | 3360                        | 17.7%          |
| Worcester County  | 306                         | 1.6%           |
| Mass-No County    | 3112                        | 16.4%          |
| Out of State      | 3451                        | 18.1%          |
| U.S. Territory    | 1774                        | 9.3%           |
| Foreign Country   | 1184                        | 6.2%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

**Table 18.**  
**County  
of Residence**

|                   | <b>No. of<br/>Offenders</b> | <b>Percent</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Barnstable County | 615                         | 3.2%           |
| Berkshire County  | 634                         | 3.3%           |
| Bristol County    | 2084                        | 10.9%          |
| Dukes County      | 46                          | 0.2%           |
| Essex County      | 1480                        | 7.8%           |
| Franklin County   | 232                         | 1.2%           |
| Hampden County    | 2299                        | 12.1%          |
| Hampshire County  | 360                         | 1.9%           |
| Middlesex County  | 2543                        | 13.4%          |
| Nantucket County  | 8                           | 0.0%           |
| Norfolk County    | 1003                        | 5.3%           |
| Plymouth County   | 989                         | 5.2%           |
| Suffolk County    | 3310                        | 17.4%          |
| Worcester County  | 2766                        | 14.5%          |
| Mass-No County    | 147                         | 0.8%           |
| Out of State      | 510                         | 2.7%           |
| U.S. Territory    | 0                           | 0.0%           |
| Foreign Country   | 7                           | 0.0%           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>19033</b>                | <b>100.0%</b>  |

# Appendix I.

## County Facilities in Massachusetts

(Information represents the end of 1995.)

### Barnstable County

Barnstable County Jail and House of Correction  
Main Street  
P.O. Box 397  
Barnstable, MA 02630  
Year Built - 1935  
Sheriff John F. Demello

### Berkshire County

Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction  
264 Second Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
Year Built - 1870  
Sheriff Carmen C. Massimiano, Jr.

### Bristol County

Bristol County Jail and House of Correction  
(Ash Street)  
226 Ash Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Year Built - 1853  
Sheriff David R. Nelson

Bristol County Jail and House of Correction  
(N. Dartmouth)  
400 Faunce Corner Road  
North Dartmouth, MA 02747  
Year Built - 1991  
Sheriff David R. Nelson

Eastern Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center  
593 Kempton Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740  
Year Opened - 1987  
Sheriff David R. Nelson

### Dukes County

Dukes County Jail and House of Correction  
149 Main Street  
P.O. Box 252  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
Year Built - 1863  
Sheriff Christopher S. Look, Jr.

### Essex County

Essex County Correctional Alternative Center  
165 Marston Avenue  
Lawrence, MA 01840  
Year Built - 1893  
Sheriff Charles H. Reardon

Essex County Jail and House of Correction  
20 Manning Ave.  
P.O. Box 807  
Middleton, MA 01949-2806  
Year Built - 1991  
Sheriff Charles H. Reardon

### Franklin County

Franklin County Jail and House of Correction  
160 Elm Street  
P.O. Box 780  
Greenfield, MA 01302  
Year Built - 1856  
Sheriff Frederick B. MacDonald

### Hampden County

Hampden County Jail and House of Correction  
627 Randell Road  
Ludlow, MA 01056  
Year Built - 1990  
Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr.

Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center  
26 Howard Street  
Springfield, MA 01105  
Year Built - 1985  
Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr.

### Hampshire County

Hampshire County Jail and House of Correction  
205 Rockyhill Road  
Northampton, MA 01060  
Year Built - 1985  
Sheriff Robert J. Garvey

# Appendix I.

Cont.

## **Middlesex County**

Middlesex County Jail and House of Correction  
P.O. Box 565  
Billerica, MA 01821  
Year Built - 1930  
Sheriff Brad Bailey

Middlesex County Jail  
40 Thorndike Street  
P.O. Box 97  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
Year Built - 1984  
Sheriff Brad Bailey

## **Nantucket County**

Nantucket County  
Sheriff's Department  
Broad and Federal  
P.O. Box 419  
Nantucket, MA 02554  
Sheriff Harry E. Clute, Sr.

## **Norfolk County**

Norfolk County Sheriff's Office and Correctional Center  
200 West Street  
P.O. Box 149  
Dedham, MA 02026  
Year Built - 1991  
Sheriff Clifford H. Marshall

Braintree Alternative Center  
2001 Washington Street  
Braintree, MA 02184  
Year Built - 1985  
Sheriff Clifford H. Marshall

## **Plymouth County**

Plymouth County Jail and House of Correction  
26 Long Pond Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
Year Built - 1994  
Sheriff Peter Forman

## **Suffolk County**

Suffolk County Jail (Nashua Street)  
200 Nashua Street  
Boston, MA 02114  
Year Built - 1990  
Sheriff Robert C. Rufo

## **Suffolk County**

Suffolk County House of Correction (South Bay)  
20 Bradston Street  
Boston, MA 02118  
Year Built - 1992  
Sheriff Robert C. Rufo

## **Worcester County**

Worcester County Jail and House of Correction  
5 Paul X. Tivnan Drive  
West Boylston, MA 01538  
Year Built - 1973  
Sheriff John M. Flynn

## **Appendix II.**

### **Population in County Correctional Facilities, January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995**

| <b>Facility</b> | <b>Average Daily<br/>Population</b> | <b>Beginning<br/>Population</b> | <b>Ending<br/>Population</b> | <b>Design<br/>Capacity</b> | <b>% ADP<br/>Capacity</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Barnstable      | 276                                 | 260                             | 271                          | 110                        | 251%                      |
| Berkshire       | 226                                 | 203                             | 219                          | 116                        | 195%                      |
| Bristol         | 1049                                | 969                             | 1087                         | 666                        | 158%                      |
| Dukes           | 23                                  | 17                              | 26                           | 19                         | 121%                      |
| Essex           | 1231                                | 1077                            | 1257                         | 635                        | 194%                      |
| Franklin        | 127                                 | 116                             | 122                          | 63                         | 202%                      |
| Hampden         | 1460                                | 1390                            | 1350                         | 1178                       | 124%                      |
| Hampden-OUI     | 134                                 | 126                             | 132                          | 125                        | 107%                      |
| Hampshire       | 248                                 | 250                             | 243                          | 248                        | 100%                      |
| Middlesex       | 1255                                | 1098                            | 1217                         | 792                        | 158%                      |
| Norfolk         | 551                                 | 490                             | 525                          | 379                        | 145%                      |
| Plymouth        | 1084                                | 1072                            | 1121                         | 1140                       | 95%                       |
| Suffolk         | 1986                                | 1832                            | 2003                         | 1599                       | 124%                      |
| Worcester       | 1083                                | 945                             | 1077                         | 790                        | 137%                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>10733</b>                        | <b>9845</b>                     | <b>10643</b>                 | <b>7860</b>                | <b>136%</b>               |

## Glossary

### ADP

Average Daily Population.

### Facilities

EMCAC

Eastern Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center.

LCAC

Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center.

WMCAC

Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center.

### Offenses:

Armed Assault

Includes armed assault with intent to rob, armed assault in a dwelling, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Assault on Female  
Under Sixteen with Intent to  
Commit Rape

Includes indecent assault and battery on child under 14.

Assault with Intent to  
Commit Rape

Includes indecent assault and battery on person over 14, indecent assault on a mentally retarded person.

Assault with intent to Murder

Includes attempted murder and accessory to murder.

Controlled Substances:

Class A

Heroin, Morphine.

Class B

Amphetamines, barbiturates, cocaine.

Class C

LSD, Hash.

Class D

Marijuana.

Class E

Other prescription drugs.

Motor Vehicle Offenses

Includes leaving the scene.

Other

Includes violation of abuse prevention law, deriving support from prostitute, bribery, attempt to commit a crime, and contempt of court.

O.U.I.

Operating under the influence.

Other Pornography or Obscenities

Includes other sex offenses.

Prostitution

Includes common night walker.

Rape

Includes aggravated rape.

Rape of a Child

Includes rape of a female under sixteen.

Receiving Stolen Goods (R.S.G.)

Includes common receiver of stolen goods.

Unarmed Assault

Includes unarmed assault with intent to rob, assault, assault and battery, and other assaults.

Unnatural and Lascivious Acts

Includes unnatural acts with child under 16.

Weapons Offenses

Includes weapons violation, Bartley-Fox Gun law.